

## NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



Milk with dry hands.

Turkeys kill many insects.

Dampness is bad for poultry.

Shelter for animals is humane.

Swine must have warm sleeping quarters.

The hooded pall is a long step toward cleaner milk.

Damp houses are the greatest promoters of disease among fowls.

The average cow is at her best as a producer at from 5 to 8 years old.

Unless wisely fed and cared for, a herd of fine hogs will degenerate rapidly.

The difficulty in ensiling rape is that there is too large a percentage of moisture.

The average calf is a badly neglected animal, especially during the fall and winter months.

The dairy cows, especially, will greatly relish and do well on the odd turnips, beets and cabbage.

For good churning qualities and uniform grade of butter, avoid mixing cream or different skimmings.

It is expensive carelessness to hitch a warm horse inadequately protected from raw winds or a drizzling rain.

Shelter for animals is not only humane but it shows up in the feed bins or in the bony animals in the spring.

There has not been a better time in years to take hold of the chicken business in a vigorous way than right now.

The growing pig requires protein and not much corn. It is all right to give a little corn, but too much is harmful.

Are your curry combs and brushes in good condition? You just can't afford to use poor ones. New ones cost but little.

Nether rape nor clover alone will do for growing, fattening hogs. They must have some grain twice a day for best results.

Feed green corn or any molting crop that will keep up the flow of milk until the pastures have been revived by the fall rains.

Hogs by nature like a good clean bed to lie in. They will do all the better for it, because they will be more comfortable.

A cough in a hog can usually be traced to one of three things: Dust, worms or cold, but there is no telling what it may result in.

By actual experiment, it has been found that by feeding alfalfa hay with corn the cost of fattening pigs has been decreased about one-half.

Poultrymen who have tried it, claim that a teaspoonful of Venetian red in a gallon of drinking water is a good bowel-trouble preventative.

A very good way to raise dairy calves is to feed them whole milk from two to four weeks, depending upon the physical condition of the calf.

Great care should be exercised that breeding stock, young chicks, or eggs for hatching be secured from flocks which are free from white diarrhea infection.

Where only a small flock of sheep is kept they should be good, thrifty, vigorous ewes. Sell off the old ones and keep lambs enough to keep up the flock.

When a sick fowl is discovered, remove it at once. Maybe if you will attend to it then and there you can save it, whereas if allowed to wait too long it may die.

Select your breed for the special purpose it is to be kept for. If there is no definite purpose, study the matter over carefully till it is known what kind of poultry will net the best returns.

When a stop is made, turn the horses toward the wind, if possible, so that they may cool off. When they are resting, take the load off their necks, if possible. Give them a chance to rool and scratch themselves when they are unharnessed at night. They should be given a good bed and plenty to eat at night, and they should be watered in the morning before they are fed.

Fowls must have grit.

Barley is hard to digest.

Rape is too moist for silage.

Clover likes black, sandy loam.

The "right side" of a cow should be both sides.

Don't send any of the lambs to market in thin condition.

The sheep barn should be put in shape for the winter.

The cow barn is a poor place to install the cream separator.

Boards are cheaper than hay and grain for keeping stock warm.

It may be set down as a rule that it does not pay to fatten old cows.

A silo 18 feet in diameter and 40 feet high will hold 200 tons of silage.

It is not an easy task to break a cow from the habit of sucking herself.

Farmers at the present time can own no better stock than healthy growing pigs.

No animal that gets only food enough to support life can make a gain or profit.

Any man who will strike a horse in the head should never be allowed to touch one again.

Treat a calf mean and all the feed you give him never can make anything but a runt of him.

Poultry netting tacked on the inside of windows in the hen house will save the cost of many a glass.

Well bred stock and good feeding are requisite to obtaining the greatest benefit in stock raising.

Pneumonia kills many pigs before they get used to sleeping in damp pens, drafts or snow banks.

A solid concrete foundation for the separator insures it against vibration, which is hard on the machine.

Don't forget that if the sheep are not kept constantly in good condition the quality of the wool is affected.

Silage may be fed to young stock twice a day and it is a very good feed for all kinds of young dairy animals.

Remember the limited capacity of the hog's digestive apparatus and form his concentrated rations accordingly.

It is claimed by those who have tried it, that a cross of Moscow drake on Pekin ducks will produce sterile progeny.

A ewe in good flesh almost invariably is a good breeder and a good suckler, something that thin ewes cannot very well do.

Bruises, cuts and small sores may develop into serious wounds, if not properly looked after and protected from the flies.

In purchasing a boar it is well to bear in mind that one with heavy bones is more to be desired than one of the slight build.

Regular careful milking permanently improves the animal as a milk producer, aside from directly increasing the milk flow.

One way of keeping dirt, flies, etc., from dropping into the pail while milking is to cover the pail with clean cheesecloth and milk through it.

The small farmer can keep a variety of live stock sufficient to produce something to sell and bring in a bit of ready cash every month in the year.

Did you know that you can get the confidence of the horse? He is of ten a better judge of human nature than many a man is of horse nature.

Build the silo next to the cattle barn where the feed can be taken right from the silo into the barn. A feed carrier makes light work in such a case.

Charcoal and grit should be kept where the fowls can have access to them at all times. They are a preventative as well as a cure for indigestion.

Dampness and contaminated ground are fruitful causes of poultry diseases. The quarters should be as dry as a chip, and the ground in the runs perfectly pure.

Do you know that feeding rye straw to pregnant ewes is a bad practice? The straw contains a considerable amount of ergot, which is likely to produce abortion.

Lambs should be docked when they are from eight to ten days old, according to the advice of the Minnesota experiment station. At that time the young animal receives practically no setback.

Every farm boy and girl who is interested in poultry should be given a flock and a house to keep it in, and a chance to make all the profit on it he can. Many boys and girls have earned enough keeping poultry to pay their way through college.

## TO TAKE OUT STAINS

NONE SO STUBBORN THAT THEY CAN'T BE REMOVED.

Grain Alcohol One of the Best Remedies to Employ, or in Some Cases Javelle Water Will Do the Work Better.

Alcohol will usually remove the stains made by grass and fruit juice, although it will not discourage in the least the stains of some kinds of fruit. Only grain alcohol should be used. It acts better if used warm, and can be heated by holding the bottle containing it in hot water. If patches of the stain remain pour boiling water on them. If they still persist, dilute muriatic acid, in a one per cent. solution, can be applied. Care should be taken to rinse the fabric thoroughly afterward in several waters, with a very little ammonia in the last one, to counteract the effect of the acid and prevent it from injuring the cloth. Javelle water, which can be made at home, is a trustworthy means for removing almost any fruit stain. It is especially good for peach and pear stains, which are usually the most obstinate of all spots. Soak the spots in it for three or four minutes, and then rinse in cold, clean water. Afterward launder the article as usual. Alcohol is usually a perfect solvent for the stain of green vegetable matter, whether or not the material be washable. Some housewives find ordinary kitchen molasses sufficient remedy for such stains upon any sort of fabric. It is rubbed thoroughly into the stain, allowed to stand ten minutes, and then washed out with warm water and soap. If the article cannot be washed, the molasses is left on, with the stain thickly covered, for two or three days. Then it is wiped and sponged off with clear water. If traces remain they will probably yield to a sponging with alcohol, or a mixture of equal parts of ether and alcohol with a dash of ammonia.

## HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Use very little bluing in washing laces, for the lace absorbs a great deal of blue.

To smooth an iron, plunge it while hot into cold water with a little soap in it.

A roast of veal will be greatly improved if larded; this prevents it being dry and tasteless when cooked.

Never try to clean yokes, collars or cuffs while sewed on the gown. Such things should always be made detachable.

To remove the leather stains from light colored stockings, put a couple of tablespoonsful of borax in the water in which they are washed.

To clean ribbons sponge with alcohol and over the spot with some clean, clean, white soap. During the process the ribbon must be kept straight.

When clean rinse in alcohol and place between two towels. Press out with a hot iron.

In the directions for washing white silk sugar is recommended also. The silk should be washed in warm, not hot, water, with pure castile soap, then rinsed thoroughly in water to which has been added a teaspoonful of granulated sugar. The silk garment should be washed by itself.

**Birthday Cake.**  
One cup of flour sifted seven times, three heaping tablespoons of cornstarch, sift four times, one cup of sugar, sift four times. Cream scant half cup butter, with sugar and cornstarch. Beat in one at a time whites of six eggs, one-fourth cup of milk, one-half teaspoon almond flavor, flour to thicken, one and one-half teaspoons of baking powder. Beat until it looks like a mass of whipped cream. Put in a pan lined with buttered paper and bake 45 minutes in a moderate oven. This recipe is original. It is the way I made my little girl's birthday cake. It was delicious and fine grained. When it was cool I put on a nice coating of chocolate frosting. After that gets hard put on a thick coat of white and cover it thickly with cocoanut. Put in two little candles, one pink, one white.

**Creamy Rice Pudding Without Eggs.**  
One quart of milk, one-half cup of rice, eight level tablespoons of sugar, two level tablespoons of butter, one teaspoon of vanilla and a little nutmeg or cinnamon. Bake in a moderate oven for one and one-half or two hours. For the first hour stir every 15 minutes to stir down the top as it forms, letting it brown for the last hour without stirring, when it will be found nice and creamy and is delicious either hot or cold. A moderate oven is essential to success, however, for if pudding cooks too rapidly and milk boils away it will dry, but if perfectly cooked the rice grains will not be mashed, but will be much swollen and milk creamy.

**Potatoes en Surprise.**  
Wash some potatoes, and bake in their skins till soft. Cut each in half lengthways, and scoop out the mealy part, taking care not to break the skin. Pass the potato through a sieve and season with salt and pepper, and add a good piece of butter. Boil some spinach, pass it through a sieve, and carefully line each half-potato with the puree. Put a poached egg into the cavity, cover with the potato puree, and mark with a fork. Put little bits of butter on the top of the potatoes, and set in a brisk oven till of a golden color.

## Practical Fashions

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—Barbara Boyd.

Fashion Note.

"This fashion journal says that there will be no change in coats this winter," said Mrs. Nagg. "And something tells me that there will be no change in trousers," snapped Mr. Nagg, as he sadly surveyed his frayed trousers.

His Finish.

Counsel (to witness)—"What is your husband?" Witness—"He's a finisher." "What does he finish?" "Well, he's just finishing his time in Pentonville prison!"—Answers.

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"And where are you going?" she asked in great surprise.

"Oh," he answered tremulously, "I'm just off to the florist's to buy up his stock of roses!"—London Answers.

Where Autos Are Barred.

Prince Edward Island bars automobiles, not because the islanders cannot afford the machines, but because of accidents caused by the recklessness of drivers who brought in the first cars. They caused many run-aways, and a few had tragic endings. The legislature at once passed a law barring autos from the island. Some of the leading cities have since endeavored to have the enactment repealed, but the country influence has always been strong enough to overcome all such efforts.

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